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**BOX PATENT APPLICATION**

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Re: Application of Ryuji TAKAHASHI and Hiroshi SUZUKI  
PACKING MATERIAL FOR SOLID PHASE EXTRACTION AND SOLID PHASE  
EXTRACTION METHOD  
Assignee: **SHOWA DENKO K.K.**  
Our Ref. Q63839

Dear Sir:

Attached hereto is the application identified above including twenty (20) sheets of the specification, including the claims and abstract, sworn translation of U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/279,108, executed Assignment and PTO 1595 form, and executed Declaration and Power of Attorney.

The Government filing fee is calculated as follows:

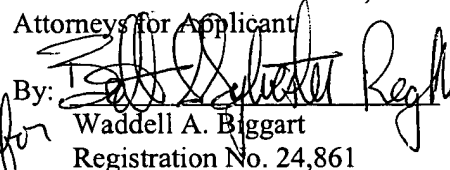
Total claims	43	-	20	=	23	x	\$18.00	=	\$414.00
Independent claims	2	-	3	=		x	\$80.00	=	\$0.00
Base Fee									\$710.00
Multiple Dependent Claim Fee									\$270.00
<b>TOTAL FILING FEE</b>									<b>\$1394.00</b>
Recordation of Assignment									\$40.00
<b>TOTAL FEE</b>									<b>\$1434.00</b>

Checks for the statutory filing fee of \$1394.00 and Assignment recordation fee of \$40.00 are attached. You are also directed and authorized to charge or credit any difference or overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 and any petitions for extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 which may be required during the entire pendency of the application to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is attached.

Priority/Benefit is claimed from June 02, 2000, based on Japanese Patent Application No. P2000-165473 and March 28, 2001, based on U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/279,108. The priority document is enclosed herewith.

Since the anniversary of the priority date fell on a Saturday, the filing of this application on Monday, June 4, 2001 is sufficient to obtain the benefit of priority.

Respectfully submitted,  
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